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confirmation report.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The confirmation report is adopted. We turn now to General File and 1998 committee priority bills and LB 1333.

CLERK: (LB) 1333, introduced by Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22, referred to Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM3177, printed separately and referred to on page 675 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. It's my understanding that our Committee Chair is visiting with some high "mucky-muck" in the executive branch at the time, and he should be along in a moment. But I think I can carry the committee amendments, if it's all right with the body. Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, here. Last year, you might remember LB 271, it took up a fairly significant amount of time on floor debate. This related to changing how motor vehicles in Nebraska were taxed at the local level for the purposes of support from a pure ad valorem tax to a mix of a standard ad valorem tax that would be the same statewide, plus a motor vehicle fee that went to local units of government for the purposes of street and road maintenance and repair. That was a fine bill and we did good work here on the floor of the Legislature as far as we went. We found in about mid-December, however, when the county treasurers, who were responsible for implementing what the provisions of 271 were, started looking at the information that they were provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles, they started identifying potential problems within the truck and trailer classifications within that. Then on the first of January, when they actually began issuing license plates, we found that really in truth that there were some serious problems for several classifications of vehicles, that is trucks, whether those trucks were registered as commercial, farm, or local trucks, and trailers, that is, tow-behind trailers that people hook on behind their car or truck to haul a variety of different types of cargo. Mr. Bill